

Bliss Jt. District #234

Gooding County

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Lawrence LaRue, Superintendent

District Characteristics 1996-97

Fall Enrollment 1996-97	189	Special Education:	
Average Daily Attendance	180	Special Education Students	26
State Ranking per ADA	102	Gifted and Talented Students	0
Number of Schools (sites):		Number of LEP Students	17
Elementary	1	National School Lunch Program:	
Secondary	1	% Average Daily Participation	69%
Number of Schools:		% Free and Reduced Meals	43%
Accredited	1	Average Lunch Price - Elementary	\$1.05
Accredited with Comment	0	Average Lunch Price - Secondary	\$1.25
Advised & Advised with Comment	0	Pupil Transportation Program:	
Warned	0	Average Daily Ridership 1995-96	113
High School Graduates:		District Owned Operation	
High School Diplomas-Regular	9		
Other Completions*	1		

* Includes Certificates of Completion, State Diplomas and High School Equivalencies (age 19 & under)

Superintendent's Highlights

Many physical improvements were made to the school buildings and more are planned for this next year.

The school patrons of Bliss and Hagerman conducted "Town Meetings" to discuss the issue of consolidation. The Bliss patrons in a "Straw Vote" do not wish to consolidate and would like to pursue plans for a new Elementary school.

Our new greenhouse has been a very practical learning experience for students developing horticulture skills at all grade levels.

Progress Towards Meeting District Goals

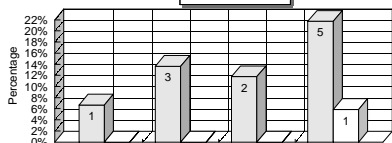
1996-97 Goals	Progress
Continue the improvement of reading scores on the IOWA Test of Basic Skills	In service time will be given to certified staff members to develop simulation type tests to be used with the students prior to actually taking the test.
Internet Hook-up	Computers have been networked and bids are being sought for an Internet provider.
Telephone in each classroom	Goals have been met.
Elementary Computer Lab	Computer Lab is installed and operating.
Remodel Classrooms	Continuation of long range planning of remodeling classrooms each year.
Develop plans for a new elementary school	Meet with architect and develop plans - have district wide planning committee

Student Profiles

Ethnicity

Race	Male	Female	Total
White	42.71%	37.50%	80.21%
Black	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Hispanic	9.38%	6.77%	16.15%
Nat. Amer.	2.60%	0.52%	3.12%
Asian	0.52%	0.00%	0.52%
Total	55.21%	44.79%	100.00%

Dropouts



Year	Grd. 9	Grd. 10	Grd. 11	Grd. 12
95-96	6.67%	13.64%	11.76%	21.74%
96-97	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	5.88%

Numbers in graph represent actual dropout counts per grade

Financial Information 1996-97

	M & O Fund	%	All Funds	%
Revenues:				
Local Taxes	\$112,353	10.50%	\$146,299	11.31%
Other Sources	31,250	2.92%	47,567	3.68%
State	926,841	86.58%	993,613	76.83%
Federal	0	0.00%	105,752	8.18%
Total	\$1,070,444	100.00%	\$1,293,231	100.00%

Supplemental Information:

Property Tax Replacement	\$35,032
Lottery Revenues	\$8,040
Technology Grant	\$26,444

	Total	%	ADA	Rank
Expenditures:				
M & O Instruction	\$622,029	62.05%		
M & O Support Programs	380,370	37.95%		
M & O Other	0	0.00%		
Total M & O	\$1,002,399	100.00%	\$5,577	25
Total ALL Funds	\$1,236,644	100.00%	\$6,881	36

Tax Levies at 9-1-96

	Total	Per ADA	Rank
Property Market Values	\$38,934,851	\$216,630	46
Total M & O Levy	0.002831525		97
Total School Levy	0.003602043		93

Staff Data 1996-97

District Personnel:

	FTE	ADA to FTE
Elementary Teachers	7.71	12
Secondary Teachers	9.52	9
Administrators	1.50	120
Other Certified Staff	0.96	187
Total Certified Staff	19.69	9
Total Non-Certified Staff	9.18	20

Teachers Salaries:

		Rank
Beginning Salary on Schedule	\$19,700	
Highest Salary on Schedule	\$31,500	
Average Elementary Teacher's Salary	\$25,175	107
Average Secondary Teacher's Salary	\$25,756	104
Superintendent's Salary	\$27,000	105

Note: Rank represents how this district compares to the other 111 public school districts in the State of Idaho; high to low (1 being the highest).
"Totals" may not sum due to rounding.

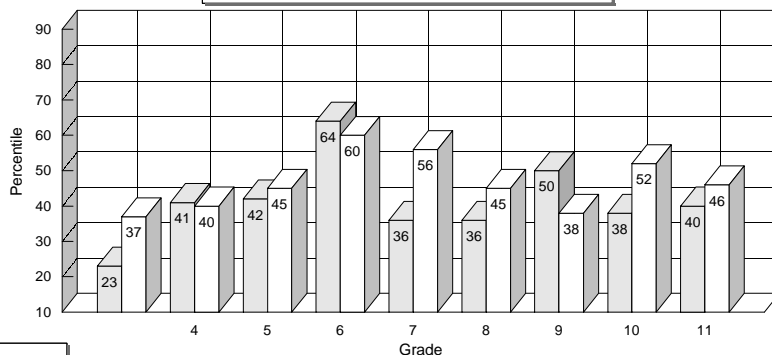


Testing Information 1996-97

Grades 3 through 8 participate in ITBS and grades 9 through 11 participate in TAP standardized testing of basic skills. This graph indicates where students in each Idaho district place in relation to students nationally (the national average percentile is 50).

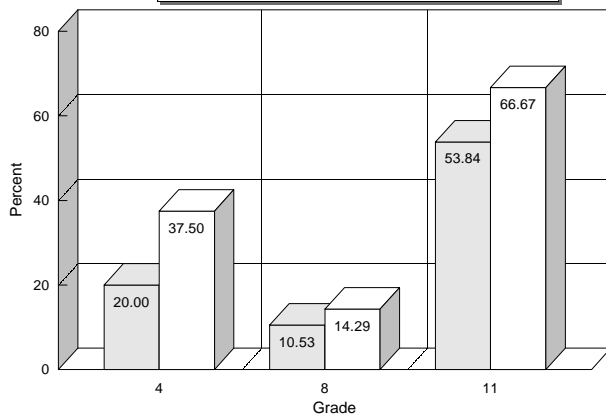
Standard Testing Results

ITBS and TAP



Direct Writing Assessment

percent proficient at grade level



The direct writing assessment provides another indication of what our students know and are able to do in this basic skill area,